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Kipper dear -

Your letter of the 14th commiserating
with me over my "contretemps" with the
"master geyser", touched my heart!
It was indeed a kind thought, especially
as the writing of "said" letter, took
time from, what, I feel, must have
been a very good party!

Thank you, & your fellow "commiserator"
for your sympathy - please, next
time you write, tell me, who wrote
the few lines after you started - &
who & which "Jean" was it? *

* Was Basil Gray one? I have to report a truly swift
and miraculous recovery. I spent
some days in the Nursing Home -
and due to surgical treatment, rest
and so forth - have a new face,

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I suppose you had very gay parties
for Independence celebrations - when
you see Colonel Chatterjee please give
him my kind regards. We were
very happy & honoured to have had
an audience with the President before
our departure - & it was kind of the
Colonel to arrange this.

Have just heard from Marie Willinger
(Sue's godmother) and she was thrilled
to read in my last letter, how green it
still predominant at C.H. She still
loves your country very much Kipper
always asks me about what goes on
Down here, I miss my Indian friends
- I suppose due to this silly prohibition
they are not invited to the "abc"
parties for the obvious reason. It's as
as "this" is not India, just mixing
with Europeans always.
Maunf Badhwar has just been to see
me - she's an old friend - and I've
asked her to give you my fond messages.
She returns to N.D. tonight. Please

there was a smell of gas - when there was a violent explosion, the ceiling came down on me - & flames shot out in long tongues at me - the blast threw me to the floor!!!! We got a great deal of wind up here, but the cause remains a mystery! I will disp. H.B. a line - & thank him for his kind remarks. I look forward to seeing him when he pays this city a visit.

Have you ever received a letter, in which I asked you whether you'd like a formal photo or an informal one? I ask, 'cos a letter from you to Eugene is missing as you know, & I'd prefer letters not to go astray. Your photo is on a table here in our lounge - & looks towards us beside, Clayton Reed (of R.A.M.C. fame) - my father, & late Amarjit of Kapurthala - Three of you in army uniform, & my Pa in naval uniform, make a distinguished quartette! Hope to meet your brother this week.

soft & tender as a baby's "bot", and wary a scar! I still have to go around greased, & my eyebrows & lashes are coming on fine! I lost a good deal of hair, so have it cut, in what is no longer the height of fashion, very short - but, having been told, it takes 10 years off my life, I never mean to do it otherwise!! Likewise, if I can avoid the sun, perhaps I can keep my smooth, soft tender complexion, & fool everyone when I'm asked my age! No wrinkles!! Joking apart - I was very lucky - & as I was wearing glasses at the time - my eyes were not damaged! I will draw a face showing just how burned I was: the ~~dots~~ indicates the area of the burn on face & neck.



Well - all's well, that ends well, and I shall never touch the "something" again! Actually - I was not burning it on - I went to see what

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Give Ragh & Dinku my love when you meet them. I hear they are, very naturally, thrilled to have the boys out. Regards to "C. A." too from us both.

I am taking part in an all-woman east play - due to come off September 20! 21st & 22nd. called "here till six". It's being produced under the auspices of the B.W.A. Like wise, I am on the Y.W.C.A. Committee, & am, or will be this week, in the throes of selling advertisement space to "Bombay's Merchants", & they'd better cough up! So, one way & another, I am busy, and I shall like Bombay all the time my Delhi friends don't forget me! I've loved the north - & a big chunk of my heart is still there.

How is your protégé (the small boy) the son of the late Malik? He's such a sweet little boy.

Well Rikher my sweet I must end my chatter. Cande sends you fond messages.

There will be many changes in Delhi
next cold weather, & I am sorry "Dellaw"
& Margaret are going earlier than they
originally thought. We hope to see the
Parents on their way through - Commodore
Saylor is putting them up, I believe,
but please tell them that we shall be
pleased to do anything to help.

Goodnight & God bless. Many thanks
for writing.

As ever,

Jill.

P.S. Ginger has just handed me yours
of the 20th, for which more thanks.
I wasn't bandaged - as this was not
the treatment required - I had to have
the blisters cut & drained, & penicillin
applied in the form of an ointment -
also injections in the "bot"! I was under
a very clever Indian (Bengali) Doctor,
one Dr. Banerjee - he & the house surgeon
at the Northcote Nursing Home are very
pleased at the results of their efforts, &
rightly so. I would have done well for an "ad"!